Board of Directors Meeting
September 17, 2026 | 1:00-3:00 PM ET | Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

Present: Voting board members: Philip Payne (President/Chair), Genevieve Melton-Meaux (Past President), James Cimino (Treasurer), Julia Adler-Milstein (Secretary), Oliver Bear Don't Walk, IV, Will Brown, Aarti Chandawarkar, Arlene Chung, JaMor Hairston, Laura Heermann-Langford, Tiffany Leung, Yuan Luo, Rachel Richesson, Marylyn Ritchie, Justin Starren
Non-voting, ex-officio board members: Amanda Hanova, CEO

Excused: Deepti Pandita

Staff: Melissa Blaney, Stephanie Brendel, Angie Claypool, Jeff Fraler, Katy Sidwell, Reva Singh

Invited Guests: Susannah Rose

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Dr. Payne welcomed board members and called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM ET. A quorum was recognized.

Dr. Payne provided an overview of the meeting agenda. No additional or new items for discussion were identified.

Dr. Payne requested that any new conflicts of interest be disclosed. No new conflicts of interest were disclosed.

II. Consent Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda included the following items:

- July 2026 Financial Package
- June 2026 Financial Package
- Connect UAG update
- Association Management System (AMS) Update
- Investment Policy Statement
- New JAMIA Editorial Positions in 2027
- Academic Forum Health Informatics Educator of the Year Award
- BMHI Charter
- Actions Since July 2026 Meeting
    - CMSS Code of Interactions with Companies

MOTION PASSED.

III. AHIC Program Review

COO Stephanie Brendel reviewed the AHIC program's history and milestones, participation, eligibility criteria requirements, certification and recertification outcomes, financial performance, and long-term sustainability. The Board considered the data showing the number of professionals having earned the ACHIP credential as of June 30, 2026, with the majority certified in 2022 and participation declining sharply despite increased promotion and expansion of the eligibility criteria. The Board also reviewed prior and projected program costs and the estimated costs to refresh the examination in 2027.

Based on the data provided and building on prior discussion, the Board considered whether to continue, redesign, further invest in, or evolve the program. The Board also considered impacts on current ACHIPs and the opportunities to broaden access by providing flexible alternatives, including microcredentials, digital badges, stackable credentials and other learning pathways. The Board also discussed communications considerations related to potential program changes and associated audiences.

A motion was made to evolve AHIC into a modern, lower-cost, and more flexible microcredentialing program that will better serve the needs of the community. Current AHIC designees will be permitted to continue using the credential without additional maintenance requirements, and the existing program will not move forward in its current form in 2027.

Motion Passed.

IV. 2025 Audited Financials

COO Stephanie Brendel reviewed the 2025 audited financial statements. The audit resulted in a clean, unmodified opinion, with no new accounting policies, significant difficulties, or disagreements reported. AMIA's liquidity and overall financial position remain strong.

V. FY2027 Draft Budget

COO Stephanie Brendel reviewed the preliminary FY2027 budget, which covers the first six months of 2027 as AMIA transitions its fiscal year. Discussion addressed the projected revenue and expenses, membership assumptions, the treatment of deferred membership revenue, and distinguishing regular operations from strategic investments.

The final budget will be submitted to the Board for review in November and will include a detailed narrative. The Board will consider formal approval in November.

VI. Member Personas

Melissa Blaney reviewed a membership framework in alignment with association-management best practices for empathy-based personas and reflecting Membership Committee input. The framework is based on members' needs, motivations, and relationships with AMIA rather than solely on professional roles. The framework includes six personas and is intended to inform membership strategy, programming, communications, and organizational decision-making.

Board members supported the framework and suggested additions to include additional health system leadership roles, public health and community-based informatics, career stages, engagement preferences, and the competitive landscape for each member segment.

VII. Member Communications & Insights Panel

The Member Communications and Insights Panel presentation was postponed until the November Board meeting.

VIII. AI Task Force Update

AI Task Force co-chairs Genevieve Melton-Meaux and Susannah Rose provided an update on the work of the AI Task Force, which was established to position AMIA as a leading convener, thought leader, and advocate for the innovative and responsible use of artificial intelligence in health and healthcare. The Task Force's work is organized around four strategic objectives: enhancing AMIA's visibility and influence in the health AI ecosystem; convening the health AI community; developing scalable educational resources; and advancing AI-related policy and advocacy efforts.

The Task Force presented proposed priority activities focused on two primary areas: AI Education and AI Evaluation & Implementation. Educational priorities focus on targeted AI training and resources, building on existing AI programming, partnerships, and microcredentialing efforts. The Task Force also proposed developing frameworks and tools to support the responsible evaluation and implementation of healthcare AI solutions.

The Board expressed support for the proposed direction and emphasized the importance of clearly identifying where AMIA is uniquely positioned to lead, convene, partner, or direct members to external resources. Board members also highlighted aligning the proposed activities with the Task Force charge, AMIA's broader policy and advocacy efforts, and other AI-related initiatives occurring across the association and the broader healthcare ecosystem to minimize duplication and maximize impact.

A motion was made directing the AI Task Force to develop one or more matrices that demonstrate how the recommended activities align with the Task Force charge, identify related AI initiatives occurring across AMIA and external organizations, and approved proceeding with the next phase of work by developing an implementation roadmap and recruiting additional subject-matter experts, as needed, to support execution.

MOTION PASSED.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM ET.

Respectfully submitted,
Julia Adler-Milstein
AMIA Board Secretary